

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

According to an aspect of the present invention, there is provided a chemically defined medium for fermentation culture of a strain of the genus *Candida*, which includes 5-300 g/l of xylose, 1-10 g/l of urea, 1-10 g/l of potassium diphosphate, 0.01-1 g/l of magnesium sulfate, 0.1-10 mg/l of  $\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0.1-10 mg/l of  $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0.1-10 mg/l of  $\text{NaMoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0.1-10 mg/l of  $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0.1-10 mg/l of  $\text{AlCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0.1-10 mg/l of  $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0.01-5 mg/l of  $\text{H}_3\text{BO}_3$ , 1-100 mg/l of  $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0.1-10 mg/l of ascorbic acid, 1-100 mg/l of biotin, 1-100 mg/l of choline, and 0.1-10 mg/l of pyridoxine.